

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 881

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kenneth Mitchell of Dickson
upon being honored for his years of service with
Future Farmers of America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Kenneth Mitchell, who has recently been honored for his years of service with Future Farmers of America (FFA) by the Tennessee Future Farmers of America Alumni and Foundation; and

WHEREAS, born in 1922 in Union County, Mr. Mitchell prepared for his career with an agriculture education class at Norris High School in 1937 and continued that education at the University of Tennessee, where he received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Agriculture Education; he also nobly served his country for three years in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell began teaching at Dickson High School in 1951 and joined the State Department of Education in 1961; he was instrumental in organizing the Tennessee FFA Alumni and the Tennessee FFA Foundation, both of which support high school students enrolled in agriculture education; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Mitchell received the Outstanding State Supervisor of Agriculture Education in the United States Award in 1990 and was named *Progressive Farmer* magazine's Man of the Year in 1991; FFA also bestowed the VIP Award upon Mitchell in 1991; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Mitchell was honored by the Tennessee FFA Association with the Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the FFA, Mr. Mitchell still finds time to lend his talents to such notable institutions as the American Legion, the Dickson Rotary Club and the First Methodist Church of Dickson; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this honor, Mr. Mitchell was presented with an oil portrait of his life's work at the FFA Alumni Convention held at Montgomery Bell State Park February 19–20; the portrait was commissioned by FFA Alumni and produced by Gallatin artist Ralph McDonald; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Mitchell is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Edith Robbins Mitchell, and their two daughters, Melanie Gunter and Kathy Jones; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Mitchell for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Kenneth Mitchell for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being honored for his years of service with Future Farmers of America, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.